

Preface

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 202L/US60 Traffic Interchange was issued on October 2, 2001. During the comment period for the Draft EA, letters and completed questionnaires were received from agencies and the public. A public hearing was held on October 23, 2001, to receive additional comments on the proposed action.

The Final EA responds to the comments received. Responses may take several forms, including supplemental analysis, factual corrections, and/or explanations in response to the comments. This Final EA includes such responses and factual corrections.

This Final EA is presented as an addendum (errata) to the Draft EA. Using this format, the Final EA consists of this addendum and the Draft EA. The addendum is divided into three major sections: the list of mitigation measures, the text changes, and a section summarizing the public and agency involvement undertaken during the comment period for the Draft EA. Most of the text changes take the form of text additions and other alternations to clarify, elaborate on, or correct discussions regarding impacts and mitigation measures as presented in the Draft EA. Pages of the Final EA in the “text changes” section identify only those paragraphs by page in the Draft EA that have changed. This section also includes any figures and tables that have been revised as a result of comments received on the Draft EA during the comment period.

In the section on public and agency involvement, discussion is given to the number and types of comments received. Those who provided comments on the Draft EA received individual response letters, copies of which are available upon request at the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Intermodal Transportation Division, Environmental Planning Group, 205 South 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.